

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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~~TOP SECRET~~

1. Indian-Chinese Communist
Border Dispute

Nehru's disclosure of more Chinese incursions during the past 18 months will increase pressure on his government to strengthen military forces on the border. With national elections due next February, the Indians may put on a show of strength at the frontier even though this could well lead to further clashes with Chinese border units. Soviet officials continue to view Chinese bull-headedness on this issue as a grave error which is driving Nehru into the arms of the West.

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2. France-Algeria

De Gaulle is reported preparing to address a meeting in Strasbourg on 24 November of some 2500 officers of all services, including representatives from all overseas bases. His purpose is not clear but he may be contemplating some decisive move in the Algerian situation and/or against the OAS, and may wish personally to lay down the law to the armed forces. OAS sympathizers are known to be apprehensive.

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NOTES

A. Khrushchev told Indian delegates attending the Party Congress that the USSR was conducting nuclear tests "only because we know that the United States has greater atomic power than we. The bombs we are exploding today are probably not known to the West. We must show them that we are ahead in some fields. This is the only effective deterrent to war."

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C. Walter Ulbricht may be in the Soviet Union. Khrushchev is on a trip to the Soviet Far East, and apparently landed in Novosibirsk this morning. He is scheduled to meet Kekkonen there on 26 November.

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D. Reporting on the Dominican situation indicates that it is calming down, although Consul General Hill sees a faint possibility of an attempt by some military interests in the north to upset Balaguer's regime by force.

E. The Greek Foreign Minister has a "feeling" that something "drastic" will be engineered by Yugoslavia "very soon" against the Albanian regime. Ambassador Kennan doubts the Yugoslavs have either the capability or intention for such an intrigue.

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